(b) whether there were not a sufficient number of qualified candidates of other communities available ;

(c) what was the number of qualified candidates of each of the following communities, Muhammadans, Indian Christians and Anglo-Indians ;

(d) whether it is a fact that there were not less than three qualified Anglo-Indian candidates and that two of them at least were recommended by the District Judges of the districts in which they were practising as pleaders and none was selected ;

(e) whether seeing that the Anglo-Indian candidates will most probably be age-barred when the next selection takes place, the Government will be pleased to request the High Court to reconsider the case of the Anglo-Indian candidates ; and

(f) whether Government will also see that steps are taken to give effect to the communal Government Order in regard to the Judicial service ?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1438.

(b) Yes. The preponderence of one community is reported to be due to the fact that the possible candidates for appointment from the staff (High Court and mufassal) were of that community.

(c)

Muhammadans	8
Indian Christians	12
Anglo-Indians	3

(d) The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative and the answer to the second part is that the reports of District Judges are confidential. The reason why no Anglo-Indian candidate was selected in 1929, is reported to be that one candidate was selected from the Anglo-Indian community in each of the years 1926 and 1927 although the number of candidates from that community was almost negligible.

(e) The appointment of District Munsifs is, by law, vested in the High Court.

(f) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1378.

Disposal of suits filed under the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

* 1440 *Q.*—Mr. P. T. Rajan : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of original suits and petitions so far filed, disposed of and pending under the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act in the District Courts of Ganjam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Guntur, North Malabar, South Malabar and South Kanara ;

(b) the reasons for the non-disposal of the above suits and petitions which have been filed more than two years ago ; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to see that these suits and petitions are disposed of at an early date ?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information, but have called for it.